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**Grant priorities announced
for California Civil Liberties Public Education Program**

SACRAMENTO – Funding priorities and the grant schedule for the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) for fiscal year 2010/2011 have been announced by Stacey A. Aldrich, State Librarian of California. CCLPEP is a state-funded program administered by the California State Library.

First priority for funding will be gathering first-person Japanese American World War II internment accounts. Because of the importance of gathering these stories before they disappear, grant proposals that target this area will receive priority consideration over other types of grant proposals.

Projects in this first category include:

- Audio or video recordings of exclusion, detention, internment, and military service
- Publication of written works such as journals, memoirs, and ebooks or other digital media
- Documentary films that include oral history interviews
- Other works about the Japanese American internment experience.

Secondary priorities for funding will be in the broad category of “Preserving and Sharing the Experience.” These types of grants will be for projects that expand access to information about the Japanese American World War II internment experience, including collecting and preserving internee documents and works.

Projects in this second category include:

- Other types of documentary films
- Published research or works of fiction based on the Japanese American internment experience
- Exhibits related to the internment experience
- Websites or smartphone applications related to the Japanese American internment experience
- Photographs related to the Japanese American World War II experience
- Works of art and written documents created while in internment camps
- Site preservation

- Virtual experience / augmented reality projects examining the impact of the exclusion, detention, and internment of Issei, Nisei, and Sansei on subsequent generations
- A grant for an RFP to develop and design a 15th anniversary print and digital report and archive catalog of CCLPEP projects.

The maximum grant amount is \$25,000. A total of \$450,000 is available for this cycle of grants. Grant applications will be available on the CCLPEP webpage by December 6, and the application deadline is January 21, 2011. Application workshops will be held in various locations in early December. Additional information and future announcements can be found on the CCLPEP webpage: <http://CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov>.

The CCLPEP was created as the result of the passage of the 1998 California Civil Liberties Public Education Act, legislation sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Honda. According to the act, "The purpose of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Act is to sponsor public educational activities and development of educational materials to ensure that the events surrounding the exclusion, forced removal, and internment of civilians and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that causes and circumstance of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood." For more information about the CCLPEP, contact Linda Springer at 916-651-6509 or CivilLiberties@library.ca.gov.

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